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U.S. Ambassador's Small Grants Programs

INSTRUMENTS TO SUPPORT LOCAL INITIATIVES BY COMMUNITIES FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT
AND DEMOCRACY BUILDING.



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U.S. Ambassador's Special Self-Help Fund

AN INSTRUMENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL INITIATIVES BY COMMUNITIES FOR SELF-DEVELOPMENT.



Construction of a Health Clinic in Gouga



Road Repairs in Alindao



U.S. Ambassador's Special Self-Help Fund

- Since 1999 the U.S. Embassy has funded over 40 Self-Help Projects totaling \$425,000.00.



2007 Project - Dispensary in Ngombe

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- 2007 Project
- 2008 Project
- 2009 Project



Self-Help Projects Must:

- Improve basic economic or social conditions at the local community or village level;
- Be high-impact, quick-implementation activities which benefit a large number of people;
- Be completed within one year without requiring further SSH assistance;
- Involve a significant local contribution (at least 30% of the project cost) in cash, labor, or material.



Self-Help Projects Can:

- Involve the construction of schools, health clinics, orphanages, latrines, roads and road repair;
- Produce employment and marketable skills, such as village craft centers, storehouses, fish ponds, and agricultural cooperatives;
- Expand water supply infrastructure and renovate wells;
- Assist HIV/AIDS-inflicted and other vulnerable groups.



2007 Project: Ngombe Health Clinic





2009 Projects Include:

- 40 Well Covers
- One High School and Junior High
- One Community Health Center
- Shea Product Production for a Women's Craft Association
- A Rice Warehouse and the provision of Animal Traction for a Rice Farming Collective
- Chicken Husbandry Project



To Apply for the 2010 Self-Help Program

1. Complete the Self-Help Application and Attach:

- A Comprehensive Budget
- Detailed Building Plan with Dimensions (if necessary)
- Copies of a Bank Statement and/or Invoices (if available)
- Map of the Project Location
- Any additional information/literature you have about your organization and/or project.

The image shows a sample application form titled "The U. S. Ambassador's Special Self-Help Program APPLICATION". At the top left is the U.S. Seal, and at the top right is the text "Embassy of the United States of America, Bangui, Central African Republic". Below the title, it says "Available Free of Charge" and "Application Due by October 1st of each funding Year". The form contains three numbered sections: 1. Project Title: (with a line for text), 2. Supervising Organization Name: (with a line for text), Address: (with a line for text), Telephone Number: (with a line for text), Date Founded: (with a line for text), and 3. Organization Description: (with three lines for text).

2. Submit the complete application package to the U.S. Self-Help Coordinator by October 1st



Self-Help Program Application Schedule



Application Period:
January 1st – October 1st

Selection period:
October 1st – November 30th

Grant award:
December 5th



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U.S. Ambassador's Democracy and Human Rights Fund II (DHRF II)

AN INSTRUMENT TO SUPPORT LOCAL DEMOCRATIC INITIATIVES



Election Observation



Civic Education



DHRF II Provides:

- Funding for Activities that Promote:
 - Development of Democratic Principles
 - Democratic Institutions
 - Free and Democratic Electoral Systems
 - Rule of Law
 - Civil and Political Rights
 - Awareness for Women and Ethnic Groups to Judicial and Political Processes



DHRF II Project Areas:

- Human Rights
- Legal
- Judicial
- Legislative
- Electoral
- Conflict Resolution
- Civic Education
- Women's Rights
- Children's Rights





Democracy and Human Rights Projects Should:

- **Raise Awareness:**

Ex. - A media campaign intended to influence legislators on the rights of women and children.

- **Result in Change:**

Ex. - Publication of a manual that the Ministry of Social Welfare adopted as its policy regarding the rights of the disabled.



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Applications for DHRF II Projects are Accepted Year Round.

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Roundtable Discussion With:

Ambassador Fredrick COOK

Michel ALLE – Bangui Well Project

Abouka YACHANCE – Alindao Road Repairs

Albert PANDA – New Forms of Slavery in CAR

Philippe MAKENDEBOU – DHRF Coordinator

Jean-Baptiste BOBY – Self Help Coordinator



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Thank You!